



Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Original) A medical tack comprising:
a shaft having a point end and a base end;
an attachment point formed near said point end;
an attachment point formed near said base end; and
means for varying a position of one of said attachment points.
2. (Original) The medical tack according to claim 1, wherein said means for varying said position is a nut.
3. (Original) The medical tack according to claim 1, wherein said means for varying said position is an elastomer.
4. (Original) The medical tack according to claim 1, wherein said means for varying said position is a spring.
5. (Original) The medical tack according to claim 4, further comprising a flange near said base end for seating said spring.
6. (Original) The medical tack according to claim 5, wherein said spring is a coil spring formed around said shaft.
7. (Original) The medical tack according to claim 4, wherein said spring is a dome spring.
8. (Original) The medical tack according to claim 4, wherein said spring is a leaf spring.

9. (Original) The medical tack according to claim 4, wherein said spring is a plurality of leaf springs of varying length.

10. (Original) The medical tack according to claim 6, further comprising a washer adjacent to said spring.

11. (Original) A retinal tack for attaching a retinal device comprising:
a shaft having a point end and a base end;
an attachment point formed near said point end;
an attachment point formed near said base end; and
means for varying a position of one of said attachment points.

12. (Original) The retinal tack according to claim 11, wherein said means for varying said attachment point is a nut.

13. (Original) The retinal tack according to claim 11, wherein said means for varying said attachment point is a spring.

14. (Original) The retinal tack according to claim 11, wherein said shaft is sized such that said tack will pierce said retinal device, a retina and a sclera such that said attachment point formed near said point end abuts a back side of the sclera and tends to prevent the tack from being withdrawn.

15. (Original) The retinal tack according to claim 13, further comprising a flange near said base end for seating said spring.

16. (Original) The retinal tack according to claim 13, wherein said spring is a coil spring formed around said shaft.

17. (Original) The retinal tack according to claim 13, wherein said spring is a dome spring.

18. (Original) The retinal tack according to claim 13, wherein said spring is a leaf spring.

19. (Original) The retinal tack according to claim 13, wherein said spring is a plurality of leaf springs of varying length.

20. (Original) The retinal tack according to claim 16, further comprising a washer adjacent to said spring.

21. (Original) The retinal tack according to claim 13, wherein said spring exerts less than 0.2 g/mm^2 across the surface of a retinal device.

22. (Original) A retinal tack for attaching a retinal device comprising:
a shaft having a point end and a base end;
a barb formed near said point end;
a flange formed near said base end;
a coil spring, having one end affixed to said flange and circling around said shaft; and
a washer affixed to an end of said spring, opposite to said one end, wherein said shaft is sized such that said tack will pierce said retinal device, a retina and a sclera such that said barb abuts a back side of the sclera and tends to prevent the tack from being withdrawn, and said washer abuts said retinal device exerting less than 0.2 g/mm^2 across the surface of a retinal device.